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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN FOREIGN MINISTER ON MAY 30-31 SUMMIT,
OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 0333

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Lisa Kubiske for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) Recommendation and action request -- see para 6.

2, (C) Summary: Meeting with the Ambassador March 6, Dominican Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso previewed his March 14-15 visit to Washington regarding two planned events in the Dominican Republic: a May 30-31 regional summit, to which POTUS has been invited (reftel); and the June 3-6 OAS General Assembly. Embassy recommends that the Department work to arrange appointments with Under Secretary for Political Affairs Burns, WHA Assistant Secretary Shannon, NSC Senior Advisor Fisk, and USOAS Permanent Representative Maisto. This would be an opportunity to discuss with the Foreign Minister a potential POTUS visit, Venezuela, Haiti, the OASGA, and other issues such as energy or DR-CAFTA. So far, five countries (other than the Dominican Republic) including Colombia and Mexico have confirmed their attendance at the summit. End summary.

13. (C) Dominican Foreign Minister Carlos Morales Troncoso met with the Ambassador March 6 to preview the Foreign Minister's planned March 14-15 visit to Washington. Purpose of the trip is to discuss two events that are scheduled to take place at Casa de Campo in La Romana, Dominican Republic: a May 30-31 extraordinary summit of eight Central American System of Integration countries plus Colombia, Mexico, and possibly Haiti; and the June 3-6 OAS General Assembly. POTUS has been invited to the summit (reftel).

14. (C) The Foreign Minister informed us that the following countries have informally confirmed their attendance at the summit: Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama. He said he would accompany President Fernandez to a Central American summit in Panama March 9, to drum up support from the other invitees to the May 30-31 summit.

15. (C) According to the Foreign Minister, OAS Secretary General Insulza during his March 5-6 visit here (septel) discussed the possible effect of the summit on the OASGA, separated by only a few days. Insulza had departed the Dominican Republic comfortable with the idea of a presidential summit in advance of the OASGA, according to Morales. He acknowledged that Insulza had arrived in Santo

Domingo with some concern about the OASGA being upstaged by the summit, but the Foreign Minister had argued just the opposite, that the summit was designed to build up the OASGA.

¶16. (C) Recommendation and action request: The Ambassador (and Embassy staff) recommends that the Department work to arrange appointments for Foreign Minister Morales Troncoso with Under Secretary for Political Affairs Burns, WHA Assistant Secretary Shannon, NSC Senior Advisor Fisk, and US Permanent Representative to the OAS Maisto.

¶17. (C) These meetings would provide an opportunity to discuss with the Foreign Minister:

- A potential POTUS visit (Washington can share ideas for the expanded agenda for a potential May 30-31 summit);
- Venezuela (he is a firm anti-Chavista and stays in touch with many people on this question);
- Haiti (he spent considerable time with President-elect Preval during the latter's March 2-3 visit here);
- OASGA (he can expand on the Dominican Republic's views);
- and
- Other issues such as energy or DR-CAFTA.

¶18. (C) We understand from Dominican OAS Permanent Representative Roberto Alvarez that the proposed OASGA declaration, still being drafted, will be entitled "Governability and Development in the Knowledge Society." He said the declaration would not be very technical or request money from donors. It will include references to a list of established OAS priorities, such as democracy promotion, protection of human rights, sustainable development, poverty reduction, and others. The Dominican Government is not yet ready to share detailed information about the draft.

¶19. (C) The Ambassador plans to accompany the Foreign Minister to Washington.
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